



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL
INSPECTIONS
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 372
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012**

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

10:00 AM

ROLL CALL

The Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence will be led by Chairperson Montaño.

Chairperson Montaño led in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

Present: Chairperson Montaño, Vice Chairperson Bacio, Commissioner Bigby, Commissioner Hall and Commissioner Moore

Excused: Commissioner Hill

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Meeting to be called to order by Chairperson Montaño. (11-4336)

Chairperson Montaño called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. and noted the lack of a quorum. Commissioners Moore and Hall joined the meeting at 10:16 a.m. and 10:17 a.m. respectively, establishing a quorum.

2. Approval of the September 28, 2011 Minutes. (11-4337)

On motion of Vice-Chairperson Bacio, seconded by Commissioner Bigby, unanimously carried, the minutes of the meeting of September 28, 2011 were approved with edits.

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

II. REPORTS

3. Chairperson's Report on Various Items for October 5, 2011. (11-4338)

Chairperson Montaño shared the following Newspaper Articles with the Commission:

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- **Baca Visits Jail To Hear Inmates' Woes (Los Angeles Times – October 2, 2011)**
 - **Jail Bars Are No Barriers To Drug Traffic (Los Angeles Times – October 2, 2011)**
 - **Baca Gives Details of FBI Sting (Los Angeles Times – September 29, 2011)**
 - **Baca: Right Your Ship (Los Angeles Times – October 1, 2011)**
 - **What's Going On At Our Jails (Los Angeles Times - September 29, 2011)**
 - **LAPD Shifts 150 Cops For Prison Plan (Los Angeles Times – October 4, 2011)**
 - **County Officials Seek To Replace Blevins (Los Angeles Times – October 5, 2011)**
 - **Sentencing Law Claims Questioned (Daily Breeze – October 5, 2011)**
 - **Prison Problems Pile Up (Daily Breeze – October 2, 2011)**
 - **L.A. Jails' Critics Calling For Federal Action (Daily Breeze – September 30, 2011)**
 - **County Jail Guards Tied To Drug Smuggling (Daily Breeze – October 3, 2011)**
 - **L.A. Safety May Suffer In Jails Plan (Daily Breeze – October 4, 2011)**
 - **Baca: ACLU Jail Charges Misleading (Daily Breeze – September 29, 2011)**
 - **Supervisors Looking To Replace Probation Chief (Daily Breeze – October 5, 2011)**

Following discussion, Chairperson Montaña reported that she attended the 18th Annual Community Police Advisory Board's Summit on Saturday, October 1, 2011, sponsored by the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD); she commented that she was very impressed with Mr. Jorge Martinez' presentation on the history of gangs in Los Angeles County.

4. Treasurer's Report for October 5, 2011. (11-4339)

Vice Chairperson Bacio reported that the current bank statement balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund is \$470.77.

5. Staff Report on Correspondence Received, and Department Representative Reports. (11-4340)

Ms. Nyla Jefferson, staff, Commission services, reported the Audit Committee and Children Deputies of the Board of Supervisors were previously notified of the Auditor-Controller memo, entitled "Children's Group Home Ombudsman's Hotline Status Report - January 1, 2011"

through June 30, 2011," who report to their respective Supervisor.

6. Review of Group Home Compliance Monitoring Audit Reports. (11-4341)

Chairperson Montaña, Vice Chairperson Bacio and Commissioners Bigby, Hall and Moore commented on the following Department of Children and Family Services Contract Compliance Monitoring Review Reports.

- **Dubnoff Center "Clybourn Group Home" - 14 #4 - (Chairperson Montaña)**
- **Heritage Group Home #4 - 21 #2 and Heritage Group Home #2 - 21 #1 - (Vice Chairperson Bacio visited)**
- **Penny Lane "Satelite #5" - 33 #2 - (Commissioners Bigby and Hill)**
- **T & T Home for Boys Corp. - 40 #3 and Community Youth Sports and Arts Foundation - 9 #4 - (Commissioners Hall and Moore)**

7. Commissioners' Reports on Group Homes and/or Detention Facilities Inspections from September 29, 2011 to October 4, 2011. (11-4342)

During the reporting period the following Facility was reported as being in satisfactory condition:

Chairperson Montaña visited the Pennacle Foundation - 32 #3, on October 3, 2011.

During this reporting period the following Audit Review of Group Homes were reported as being in full compliance:

- **Chairperson Montaña visited Dubnoff Center "Clybourn Group Home" - 14 #4, on October 4, 2011;**
- **Vice Chairperson Bacio visited Heritage Group Home #4 - 21 #2, on September 29, 2011; and Heritage Group Home #2 - 21 #1, on October 6, 2011;**
- **Commissioners Bigby and Hill visited Penny Lane "Satelite #5" - 33 #2, on September 29, 2011;**
- **Commissioners Hall and Moore visited T & T Home for Boys Corp. - 40 #3, on September 29, 2011; and reviewed the audit report of Community**

Youth Sports and Arts Foundation - 9 #4.

III. DISCUSSIONS

8. Discussion and Consideration of the Commission's Annual Holiday Gathering (Continued from September 14, 2011, September 21, 2011 and September 28, 2011). (11-4082)

Ms. Nyla Jefferson, Staff, Commission Services, provided menus from various restaurants to the Commission. McCormick & Schmicks Restaurant was selected as the site for the Commission's Annual Holiday gathering, to be held on Wednesday, December 7, 2011 immediately following the Commissions meeting. Staff was instructed to secure reservation for fifteen guests, and report back to the Commission at the next meeting.

9. Discussion, Review and Consideration of the Commission's Bylaws. (11-4343)

On motion of Commissioner Hall, seconded by Vice Chairperson Bacio, unanimously carried, the Commission voted to amend Article V, Section 4 of its Bylaws to add Succession of Duties to read as follows:

"In the event of the absence of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson at a meeting, the Commissioner with the most seniority on the Sybil Brand Commission will assume the duties of presiding over the Commission meeting."

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

10. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Commission subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (11-4344)

There were no matters presented for a future agenda.

Public Comment

11. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (11-4345)

There were no members of the public present to address the Commission.

Adjournment

12. Adjournment for the meeting of October 5, 2011. (11-4346)

The October 5, 2011 meeting adjourned at 12:13 p.m.